

Murphy Church of Christ
P. O. Box 511
Murphy, NC. 28906

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m..
Wednesday Evening Devotional	6:00 p.m.

“ May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may abound
in hope. Romans 15:13

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BULLETIN



MURPHY CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WELCOME

We welcome you to the Murphy Church of Christ where every visitor is our special guest, and we want to make sure you always remember that. If you are looking for a "family" that will offer you the most important things in life, then why not give us a chance to be part of your family?

Please fill out a visitor's form and drop it in the collection box.

Please do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

Please join us for the first Sunday evening prayer time at 6:00 PM. Any changes will be announced during morning worship.

Wednesday Bible devotional has been changed back to 6:00 PM

On the 5th Sunday of the month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship.

Website: murphychurchofchrist.com



The bulletin is posted on the website and hard copies are in the foyer for members and visitors. **Be sure to check out the website for articles by Roy Goodlet.**

As of August 31st, we had a total of 268 visits for the month of August. The bulletin hardcopy cover is designed so you can mail a copy to a shut-in, friend, or family member. If you have any suggestions for the website or see an error or want to make a change, please contact Lula Williams.

Greeters

Lula Williams
Theresa Brehm

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Jerry Queen

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Roy Stephenson

Scripture:

Psalms 27: 11-14

Read by John Dykema

Sunday Sermon:

"Take Courage"

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Bruce Corcoran

FAITH IS COURAGE

It's especially difficult when there are no guarantees that our waiting will ever end in this lifetime. Desires we long for, prayers we've been praying, and news we're waiting to hear can tempt us to be impatient, discouraged, to worry, and even to wonder if God cares.



Prayer requests

- Darlene Queen's aunt, Mary Woltamoth, broke her hip.
- Michelle Dockery, Jerry and Darlene's daughter, has a pre-cancerous condition which will require surgery soon.
- Mindy Scaffie continues to have multiple health issues that require visits to multiple doctors. Due to multiple falls, seizures and a fractured rib she and her husband Woody haven't been able to attend church services but she remains cheerful and keeps friends up-to-date through her Facebook page.
- Chuck Brehm continues under doctor's care for multiple health issues.
- Heather Stepp, the niece of D.J. Stephenson, had radiation treatments and is now undergoing chemotherapy. She is a middle school teacher, married living in Fort Worth and is the mother of three children.
- Sheri Goodlet's sister had surgery but is doing better.
- Stacy Packer had surgery and is home recuperating.
- **You or family member or friend may not be on this list but, we are all in need of prayer.** The pandemic, flu season and the uncertainty in the economy has taken and continues to take its toll on many. Depression, homicides, suicides and gun violence are increasing as well as the impact of climate changes. Take time to check on your neighbors!



Come grow with us. If you have any questions or want to start a home study, contact our minister, Roy Stephenson.



Contact Nell Ard if you need a picture taken for our picture directory located in the foyer or need changes made to the directory printout provided to each member for your reference. Complete the form provided on the back table and give it to Nell upon completion. It is most important that you make sure your information is current.

Please note that because the bulletin is uploaded to the website (www), we do not include details regarding home address and phone information for privacy reasons in the bulletin.

Cell Phone Donations

Woody Scaffie will make sure that all your personal data is removed. **Please note the church has a basket in the back to help him.**



REACH of Cherokee and Graham County, Inc. is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence.

As the staff travel to the schools to discuss domestic violence, they have identified a need for children's shoes, underwear, and socks of varying sizes. They have also adopted some families to help as well. **Teens frequently request a fleece blanket.** If you have items of clothing (clean and in good condition), children's books, etc. to donate please place them in the blue bin located in the pantry or you can drop them off to be sorted for the thrift store. Check out the clearance section at Walmart next time you go shopping.

Clients in the safe house can always use travel size shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, tooth paste, travel size deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc.

Please contact the REACH office staff if you have furniture you want to donate to arrange pickup by the Thrift Store volunteers. They also ask for cooking utensils to help victims start over. Often the victims leave home with only the clothes on their back, so they are given clothes, furniture, and items for the home from the Thrift Store until they can get back on their feet. They also can use items to help with their self-esteem and pass the time until they can be placed in a safe environment. You can provide puzzles (500 pieces or less), adult coloring books, reading material, word puzzles, make -up, nail polish, hair clips, etc.

Volunteers and donors are always needed. Call the office at 828-

837-2097 or 828-837-8064 for more information. Local REACH covers Cherokee and Graham County.

REACH is leading our community in eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, self-empowerment, and community awareness.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We need your help to keep our pantry stocked. If no family, or individual has made a special request; then, Lula pulls items off the shelves and takes them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews, NC. The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. **They are again requesting empty 12 individualized egg cartons for distribution of eggs donated by the community. If you leave them in the kitchen Roy and DJ will take them to the food bank.**

Other suggested items based on Lula's discussion with some of the female staff: feminine hygiene products and other personal hygiene items, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, wipes, small bottles of shampoo, soups that can be heated over a small fire, small jars of peanut butter and items that do not require a stove for cooking. **Most of their clients are homeless and/or senior citizens living on a fixed income, so they can use small bottles of laundry detergent and Clorox to wash their clothes.** The food bank has a bakery that donates bread, and the local Walmart provides fresh produce.

You can also write a check payable to the Andrews Food Bank, P. O. Box 843, Andrews, NC 28901, and they will supplement items that are not being donated.

News and Announcements

Our church's 2025 weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.

August 31 - \$2,175.00 is over budget by \$925.00.

September 7 - \$1,095.00 is under budget by \$155.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 10
Worship Service Attendance – 20

Members are asked to please check their temperature and stay home if you are not feeling well, especially since many of our members are considered high-risk because of age and/or chronic health issues. Wearing a mask is optional!

We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes regarding church services. STAY SAFE!

Wayne's Outreach Ministries

If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell Ard, Wayne requested that Nell continues to correspond with some of these men since they truly have no one else. Thanks to Dean and Karen Wray for working with her to keep Wayne's prison ministries going.

Wayne was also active with World Bible Study. If you need help with WBS (World Bible Study) or know someone who has indicated an interest in WBS, please contact Roy Stephenson.

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:30 am

Today our study will cover John 20 and 21.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

Roy Stephenson has resumed conducting Wednesday evening devotional. Please let him know if you have a topic, you would like him to focus on.

Murphy Homeless Shelter Donations

The Hurlburt Johnson Homeless Shelter is requesting donations for the month of February through December. There are eleven churches in the area that also donate. They are requesting paper products from us: paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper napkins and paper plates. Please place items in the fellowship room and Roy Stephenson will deliver them.

Homeless Shelter Thrift Store

The homeless shelter need volunteers at the thrift store. If you are interested and want more information on what is expected please contact Carol Paul at 518-321-4190

Sign-up sheets on the back table

Nursery Assignments

*If you can help in the nursery some Sundays during bible study and/or morning worship **whenever we have any children visiting** please indicate what date(s) you are available.*



Communion

If you are willing to help prepare communion and clean-up the trays please indicate your willingness by putting your name next to the month

you are available on the sign up sheet located on the back table.

Building Maintenance

Dean Wray continues to keep us updated on our finances as it relates to all maintenance projects. **If you notice something that needs repairing, please let him know.**

He is in the process of completing the transformation of the minister's office and the setup up as our library.

Dean Wray can use our help with some of the details so, please contact him for dates and times to meet at the church building.



September Birthdays

Darlene Queen	12
Roy Goodlet	13
Patricia Dykema	13
Eva Wilkins	22

September Wedding Anniversary



Jeff and Norma Leiby	1
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*If you do not see your birthday or wedding anniversary listed or the date is incorrect, or your name is misspelled please let Lula know. **NOTE:** Some of the people listed are frequent visitors or former members that like to stay in touch.*



AREA-WIDE Singing

For those of you who like to mark your calendar for future events, this will be your last opportunity in 2025 for you to sing together with our sister congregations in this area.

Our final area singing for 2025 will be held **October 12th at 3:00 pm at the Hiawassee GA Church of Christ.**

A Night in Bethlehem 2025



The days are getting shorter which is an indication that time change to fall back is fast approaching. We need to start thinking and planning for the annual Night in Bethlehem. If you have books with a Christian theme, you are willing to donate, please place them in box provided in the back of the church auditorium. We will also need members to bake and/or donate cookies. The most popular cookie is chocolate chip. If you have any suggestions that can help the church stand out in the market place setup, please share them with Roy Goodlet.

As the community groups planning dates gets closer, we will provide more information.

Roy and Sheri Goodlet

Toys For Tots



Each year the collection period begins around the end of October through mid November.

After the collection period ends we keep the empty boxes in the back classroom so those who purchased toys but have no place to store them.

Please do not wrap the toys. In light of the changing economy, you are encouraged to start looking for special sales.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the coordinator Jeana Conley at jeanaconley33@gmail.com or call her at 828-361-2161 or the assistant coordinator Sue Evans at 828-837-3035. There is also a Facebook page and website <http://murphy-nc.toysfortots.org> with more information.



Back-to-school safety includes travel on a bus, car, or walking. It also involves educating students about the many damages (physical, psychological, harassment, and stalking) and how to prevent them. National statistics show suicides have increased amongst teens and young adults.

REACH works to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault; the best way to achieve this goal is to educate younger generations to create long-lasting change and safety.

Why is waiting on God so difficult?

When God makes us wait, He is preparing us for our future. It might be that the time encourages us to calm our desires and become more rational in our approach or it might be so that we can gain knowledge about things which will give us a better understanding in of how He gives us great gifts.

Great biblical figures went through periods of waiting. Moses is among them and even Jesus took time to mature and grow before he made his greatest impact on the world.

You might be good at something which you can't see much use for today when that talent may be at the center of your service to God. It could be something as seemingly ordinary as being able to negotiate something as essential as having strong faith in the Lord.

There might not be a great need for you to mediate between groups where you are now or you might have little trouble keeping your faith because life is going swimmingly, but one day these attributes or whichever ones you're nurturing may be monumental use.

First Day of Autumn



Leaves are starting to change color to bright orange, red and yellow and fall official arrive September 22nd.